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Cruickshank et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims of the above-identified application
as follows:

3. A communications terminal according to claims 2,
wherein each correlator is of the same chip length[,] and wherein
the product of the chip length of each correlator and the number
of correlators [defining] defines the length of the spreading
code.

5. A communications terminal according to claims 1, 2, 3
or 4 [any preceding claim,] including a hard limiter at the input
to the correlating means.

6. A communications terminal according to [any preceding]
claims 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein the FFT means [is] includes a
complex zero padded FFT processor having at least twice as many
points as the number of correlating means.

9. A communications terminal according to [any preceding]
claim 6, wherein the output of the FFT means is supplied to a
maximum signal selector for signal acquisition.

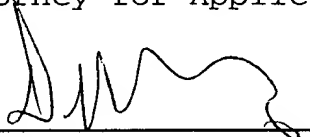
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REMARKS

The claims of this application have been amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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